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The annual revisions reflect the incorporation of regular source data and the introduction of the following major changes in methodology: A redefinition affecting dividends paid by regulated investment companies (mutual funds); new source data for several types of consumer services; geometric-mean-type consumer price indexes for deflation of detailed components of personal consumption expenditures (PCE); and several new price measures—primarily producer price indexes and international price indexes—for deflation of PCE, fixed investment, exports and imports, and government spending.

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